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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR ON MOPRO



Sheila Solon
DIRECTOR OF DIVISION
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REGISTRATION

Professional Registration is thrilled to announce MOPRO, a new e-licensure system that will transform how more than 525,000 Missouri licensees in 300 professions do business with their licensure board. Through the use of American Recovery Act funding that was secured with the help and support of the Governor and Legislature, we will be modernizing and transforming how we conduct business for generations to come. Imagine the ability to obtain a professional license online, anywhere, anytime. This digital transformation strategically aligns with the Governor's initiative to focus on workforce development to meet the needs of the future.

- Ability to apply for and/or renew any professional license online
- Track license status and follow up requests
- Process payments with protection of personal information
- Download and print from the portal
- Reduce time and effort to procure a license
- Provide one true source of data
- Easy Online payment for Missourians

The greatest benefit is that it will empower applicants and licensees to have more control over their own future and destiny by vastly improving access to their application status and the ability to enter their own data into the system. This will also allow licensees to have access to their data 24/7, allowing them to obtain and renew their license faster and get them into the workforce sooner.

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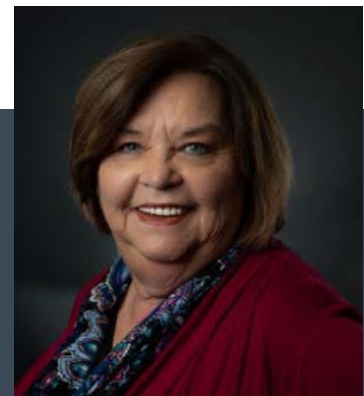
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Pam Groose
Executive Director

SB 649 was passed in 1994, creating the Missouri Board of Geologist Registration. Our first board was appointed in 1995. Thank you to all board members, past and present, for your service and dedication to protect the citizens of Missouri and the reputation of the geology profession.

As you can see, our board has vacant positions. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving on our board, go to <https://boards.mo.gov> for more information or to apply for an appointment.

CONGRATULATIONS SHEILA SOLON!



Sheila Solon and Governor Parson

It's official! Sheila Solon is the Division Director for Missouri's Division of Professional Registration. Appointed as Acting Division Director on January 6, 2021, she is now officially our Division Director. We are fortunate to have such a committed and energetic person as our guiding force in caring for Missouri's licensed professionals and the citizens of Missouri who they serve.

WHAT'S NEW?

FEE INCREASE

As you know, prices have been on the rise lately; it seems everything is costing more. Unfortunately, the Board's expenses have been on the rise as well, and, by law, the fees we collect must be adjusted accordingly. Effective October 30, 2022, License Renewal Fees were increased from \$100.00 to \$125.00, and Reactivation Fees shifted from \$50.00 to \$75.00.

All current Geology licenses will expire April 30, 2023. If you wish to renew your Missouri license, you will need to complete your renewal form and pay \$125.00 prior to April 30, 2023 to maintain an active Geology license. You may do this electronically or by mailing in a paper renewal form with a check or money order.

There has been no fee increase to renew an inactive license, so if you currently hold an inactive license, you will renew by completing the inactive paper renewal form and paying the \$50.00 fee (via check or money order) just as you have in the past. However, if you wish to reactivate your inactive license, as of October 30, 2022 you will need to complete the paper reactivation form and pay the adjusted Reactivation Fee of \$75.00.

The Board of Geologist Registration makes every effort to keep our costs, and yours, as low as possible. The last time there was a change in Geology fees was in 2014. It is our hope that there will be no additional fee increases for a long time.



REMINDERS

All Missouri licensed Geologists and Geologist-Registrants In-Training need to renew before the April 30, 2023 expiration date. You may register on-line at <https://pr.mo.gov/renew-jetpay-step0.asp> or by mailing in your paper renewal form along with your check or money order. Once the April 30, 2023 deadline is passed, on-line registration is no longer available. Licensees not renewed by that time may not practice in Missouri until a paper renewal and fee are processed.

Please make sure you notify us of all changes in contact information, whether it is a mailing address, phone, or e-mail change. It is important we are able to contact you concerning upcoming renewals and any issues with your license.

The Board sends out renewal reminders, but it is the responsibility of the licensee to renew on time. Per 20 CSR 2145-2.080: Failure of a registered geologist or geologist-registrant in-training to receive the notice and application to renew his/her license shall not excuse him/her from the requirement to renew that license.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office at 573-526-7625 or geology@pr.mo.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Why was the sedimentary rock so cheap?

Because it was on shale.

Why did the tectonic plates break up?

It wasn't anyone's fault, there was just too much friction between them.



●●●● **RENEWAL**

Around our office, the word ‘renewal’ is sort of a four-letter word, something we dread like going to the dentist to get a cavity filled. When renewal time hits in our office, life gets a little bit stressful: the paper piles get considerably deeper, the e-mail inboxes fill up much more quickly, and the phones ring off the hook. Renewal time surely adds a little more stress to your life as well as you try to remember to get renewal forms and fees taken care of.

Ready or not, renewal time is here. Remember that you have the option of renewing online with your credit card instead of having to mail in the renewal form and fees. We encourage you to take advantage of this option as it simplifies the process for all of us. However, before you renew, please let us know of any changes to addresses, phone numbers, or e-mail addresses. You may update your contact information via mail, e-mail, or online Change of Address form (<https://info.mo.gov/pr-forms/geologists/geologists-coa.php>).

It would be a loss to us all if we didn’t take advantage of the renewal period to truly renew. What a perfect opportunity to renew our professional zest by reflecting on why we chose the profession we did! Along with paying fees and completing paperwork, we need to remind ourselves of all the little things we enjoy about our job, those things that drew us into the profession to begin with. As we check off another year of tasks completed, we need to revitalize our professional spirit by implementing some of the new ideas and approaches we’ve picked up through our continuing education. While we’re starting off on yet another 2-year cycle of licensed work, we need to rekindle our appreciation for those people with whom, and for whom, we work who add a little more joy and purpose to our lives. When we approach renewal time with a true spirit of rejuvenation, we might actually look forward to the next renewal period instead of dreading it.



STATE GEOLOGIST

Thanks Joe!

Joe Gillman was appointed as Missouri's State Geologist in 2008 by Governor Matt Blunt and served the state of Missouri in that role until his retirement October 1, 2022. As part of his job as State Geologist, Mr. Gillman served as an Ex-Officio member of the Missouri Board of Geologist Registration for the duration of his term as State Geologist. In addition, Joe has served on numerous other boards, commissions, and associations, including his current role as Finance Committee Chair for the Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG). It is with heartfelt thanks for his service to this board, the field of geology, and the state of Missouri that we wish him well in his future endeavors.



Welcome Carey!



Effective November 15, 2022, Carey Bridges is the new State Geologist for Missouri and the director of the Missouri Geological Survey. She will also serve as an Ex-Officio member of the Missouri Board of Geologist Registration for the duration of her term as State Geologist.

Ms. Bridges has a bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Central Missouri and a master's degree in geology from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She has worked for the Department of Natural Resources for 23 years in various positions.

We welcome her to these new roles and look forward to her input to the Missouri Board of Geologist Registration and her leadership in the geology profession.



CONGRATULATIONS!

The Board of Geologist Registration offers our heartfelt thanks to all who have served professionally to help the citizens of Missouri. We'd like to recognize those of you who have reached a milestone in 2022 as a licensed Geologist in our state.

20 YEARS AS A LICENSED GEOLOGIST IN MISSOURI: LICENSED IN 2002

JAMES BRYANT, EAST WINDSOR, NJ

MARK DENSMORE, SPRINGFIELD, IL

JOHN GREER, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

PAUL HILCHEN, HELENA, MT

JESSICA KIDWELL, KANSAS CITY, MO

JASON PROSSER, GARNER, NC

ROBERT RALLS, OLATHE, KS

MICHAEL ROARK, SAINT CHARLES, MO

TONY ROHS, ELK RIVER, MN

JAMES WEDEKIND, KNOXVILLE, TN

10 YEARS AS A LICENSED GEOLOGIST IN MISSOURI: LICENSED IN 2012

JAMES BANNANTINE, MILWAUKEE, WI

GREGORY BRENNAN, SOLON, IA

JUSTIN DAVIS, SAINT JAMES, MO

DANA DERRINGTON, CHESTERFIELD, MO

MONIQUE FRANZISZ, MORRISON, CO

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HOLLY TREJO, EL SOBRANTE, CA

KATHERINE WILLIAMS, SHAWNEE, KS

STATISTICS FY 19-22

Board of Geologist Registration	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Geologists Licensed	20	21	15	20
Geologists Registrants in Training (GRITS) Licensed	12	5	4	5

MISSOURI PASS/FAIL STATISTICS

ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology (FG) and Practice of Geology (PG) Exams

March 18, 2022

Fundamentals of Geology

Number of Candidates	13		
Number of Candidates who passed	8	=	62% Pass Rate
Number of Candidates who failed	5	=	38% Fail Rate
Range of Scaled Scores	43 to 90		

Practice of Geology

Number of Candidates	9		
Number of Candidates who passed	5	=	56% Pass Rate
Number of Candidates who failed	4	=	44% Fail Rate
Range of Scaled Scores	55 to 80		

October, 2022

Fundamentals of Geology

Number of Candidates	19		
Number of Candidates who passed	13	=	68% Pass Rate
Number of Candidates who failed	6	=	32% Fail Rate
Range of Scaled Scores	53 to 87		

Practice of Geology

Number of Candidates	8		
Number of Candidates who passed	5	=	63% Pass Rate
Number of Candidates who failed	3	=	37% Fail Rate
Range of Scaled Scores	61 to 81		